Industrial Policy and draw up proposal for modernisation of new Industrial relation law in the changed circumstances; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government also propose to reconstitute the Board of Industrial Finance and Reconstruction with a view to examine the case of sick units; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). Public enterprises which are chronically sick and which are unlikely to turn around are proposed to be referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) or other similar high level institutions created for the purpose for formulation of revival/rehabilitation schemes. A social security mechanism is proposed to be created to protect the interest of workers likely to be affected by such rehabilitation package.

[*Translation*]

Vocational Courses for Women

6759. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being formulated by Khadi and Village Industry Commission for the women who have qualified in vocational courses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial assistance for Revival of Sick Units in U.P.

6760. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance provided by the Union Government to revive sick small scale industries in Uttar Pradesh during 1990—91 and the number of such sick units helped by the end of March 1991; and

(b) the target for the year 1991—92 to revive such industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) As per data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India, the number of potentially viable sick small scale units in U.P. was 418 with an outstanding bank credit of Rs. 30.98 crores and the number of sick SSI units put under nursing programme was 171 with an outstanding bank credit of Rs. 23.09 crores at the end of December, 1988, the latest period for which data are available.

The total amount sanctioned to U.P. by the Union Govt. under the Margin Money Scheme for Revival of Sick small scale industries amounted to Rs. 60 lakhs at the end of March 1991.

During 1990—91, the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) sanctioned term loan refinance assistance of Rs. 20.8 lakhs in respect of 4 units in U.P. under its Refinance Scheme for Rehabilitation of Sick SSI units.

(b) There is no system of fixing annual target for revival of sick SSI units. However RBI has issued guidelines to all scheduled commercial banks vide their circular dated 8.1.1991 that ordinarily it should be possible for banks to take decision on the viability or otherwise of a unit identified as sick within